

## Curriculum Vitae

### **Diana M. Mendez, MS, LPC-S, CRC, Certified BEI Interpreter for the Deaf (retired), Full-time Lecturer UTRGV School of Rehabilitation Services and Counseling**

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### **PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS**

Psychiatric rehabilitation for people with disabilities (specialty areas: Deaf & hard of hearing and people with addiction issues). Mental health counseling for people with disabilities (i.e. the Deaf) utilizing an eclectic approach encompassing cognitive/behavioral therapy, reality therapy, solution-focused therapy, and bible-based spiritual counseling. Supervision for Licensed Professional Counselor-Interns.

### **EDUCATION**

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
Grant Writing-REHS 8302/August 2018

University of Texas-Pan American  
Internship Supervision Experience-REHS 8315/January 2015

University of Texas-Pan American  
Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling/August 2009

University of Texas Brownsville  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology/December 2006  
Minor: Biology

### **LICENSURES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND TRAINING**

- Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor (LPC-S) Texas Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors license number 66515, Expires: 12/31/2021
- Certificate of Completion Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors Jurisprudence Exam November 1, 2019
- CEU Hours (4) Clinical Supervision, Legal, Ethical, and Risk Management Issues. Clinical Course October 4, 2019

- CEU Hours (3) Ethics and Boundary Issues. Ethics Course September 30, 2019
- Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) certificate number 00112041. The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification Expires: 09/30/2024
- Certificate of Completion BS Addictions Study Program Blueprinting Process July 2019
- CEU Hours (3) 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Substance Abuse and Mental Health Conference (PDAP), Edinburg, TX April 12, 2019
- CEU Hours (3) Ethics 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Substance Abuse and Mental Health Conference (PDAP), Edinburg, TX April 12, 2019
- CEU Hours (2.5) on Interpersonal Violence and Trauma, UTRGV Edinburg, March 19, 2019
- CEU Hours (6) on Changing How We Feel by Changing How We Think, February 22, 2019
- CEU Hours (3) on Clinical Supervision: Ins and Outs; “Changing the Supervisor, Changing the Supervisee: CBT Supervision is Changing Minds”, ARC Lecture Series, School of Rehab., February 8, 2019
- CEU Hours (2) on The Significance of CBT Supervision Therapy, ARC Lecture Series, School of Rehab., March 9, 2018
- Certification of Completion of QM Rubric Update 6<sup>th</sup> Edition – Blackboard Learn, October 11, 2018
- Training for Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Addiction Studies Program through the Blueprinting Process through the Center of Online Learning & Teaching Technology, 10-week training from October 11, 2018 – February 2019
- CEU Hours (3) on Supervision: Enhancing Supervisees Clinical Skills, Healthcare Training Institute, December 16, 2017
- CEU Hours (3) on Supervision: Effective Clinical Relationships with Your Supervisees, Healthcare Training Institute, December 16, 2017
- SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, & Referral to Treatment)-Training of Trainers), (4) Hours, December 11, 2017
- CEU Hours (2) on Clinical Interventions for Clients with HIV/AIDS, ARC Lecture Series, School of Rehab., March 10, 2017
- CEU Hours (6) on The Habits of Stress-Resilient People, McAllen, TX, June 9, 2017
- CEU Hours (2) on Lecture Series-Sex Addiction v. Restless Groin Syndrome, School of Rehab., December 9, 2016
- CEU Hours (2) on Lecture Series-Ethical Issues in Multicultural Supervision, School of Rehab., November 11, 2016
- CEU Hours (6) on Reasoning with Unreasonable People: Focus on Disorders of Emotional Regulation, November 10, 2016
- CEU Hours (18) on 2016 CRCC Item Writing Workshop, Schaumburg, IL, October 27-29, 2016
- CEU Hours (8) at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual CEU Conference Tropical Texas Behavioral Health on Mindscape: Behavioral Health Today, October 21, 2016
- Certification of Completion of Teaching Online – Quality Matters, October 14, 2016
- CEU Hours (2) on Motivational Interviewing: A Family-System Approach, August 26, 2016
- Certification of Completion of Teaching Online – Blackboard Learn, November 18, 2014

- Intern Supervision Experience (REHS 8315) for LPC Supervisor Licensure, Spring 2015
- Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor (LPC-S) Texas Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors license number 66515, Expires: 12/31/2019
- Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) certificate number 00112041. The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification Expires: 09/30/2019
- Certified Interpreter for the Deaf, Texas Board of Evaluators for Interpreters, certification number 262911021107, awarded 9/23/1992, Expires: 11/30/2016
- Certified National Tutor, The College Reading & Learning Association and UTB (CRLA) Level III, awarded 1/30/2004, Expires: Lifetime
- Licensed Federal Communications Commission, awarded 2/17/89, Expires: Lifetime

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Fischer, J., & Mendez, D. (2019). *The Journal of Counselor Preparation and Supervision*, volume 12, number 4, fall 2019

Hansmann, S., Saladin, S., & Fraser-Mendez, D. (2010). *JADARA*, volume 44, number 1, fall 2010

Fraser, D., Hansmann, S., & Saladin, S (2009). *JADARA*, volume 43, number 1, fall 2009

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### ***CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS***

#### **National**

Fraser, D. (3-22-09). "Psychosocial Aspects of Deafness: Implications for Rehabilitation Counselors." Annual American Counseling Association (ACA) Conference, ARCA division, Charlotte, North Carolina

#### **Regional & Local**

Mendez, D. (9-27-19). "Deaf Studies: UTRGV School of Rehabilitation Services & Counseling." The Valley Association for Independent Living (VAIL) Deaf Awareness Day at McAllen Chamber of Commerce, McAllen, Texas

Mendez, D. & Fischer, J. (2-8-19). "Changing the Supervisor, Changing the Supervisee: CBT Supervision is Changing Minds." UTRGV School of Rehabilitation Services and Counseling Addictions Studies Project, Edinburg, Texas

Mendez, D. (9-14-18). "Valley Independent Confident Activities Network (Valley ICAN) connecting the Deaf & Hard of Hearing with Community Resources through UTRGV's Deaf Concentration Program." The Valley Association for Independent Living (VAIL) Deaf Awareness Day at McAllen Chamber of Commerce, McAllen, Texas

Mendez, D. & Fischer, J. (3-9-18). "The Significance of CBT Supervision Therapy." UTRGV School of Rehabilitation Services and Counseling Addictions Studies Project, McAllen, Texas

Mendez, D. & Finn, K. (3-10-17). "Clinical Interventions for Clients with HIV/AIDS." UTRGV School of Rehabilitation Services and Counseling Addictions Studies Project, McAllen, Texas

Mendez, D. (6-27-14). "Access to Care." The Valley Association for Independent Living (VAIL) Community Health & Resource Fair, VAIL, McAllen, Texas

Mendez, D. (9-29-12). "Mental Health Counseling for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing." The Valley Association for Independent Living (VAIL) Deaf Awareness Day at Knapp Medical Center, Weslaco, Texas

Mendez, D. (9-26-12). "Providing Services for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing/Understanding Stages of Grief." Guest speaker, Hope Therapy Center.

Mendez, D. (12-3-11). "Mental Health Counseling for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing." Communication Access Ability Group (CAAG) Health Awareness Resource Fair, Edinburg, Texas

Mendez, D. (9-30-11). "Mental Health Counseling for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing." The Valley Association for Independent Living (VAIL) Deaf Awareness Day at Knapp Medical Center, Weslaco, Texas

### ***TEACHING PRESENTATIONS***

Mendez, D. (12-4-17). "Documentation & Recording: S.O.A.P. Made Easy." Case Management REHS 4303.05, guest speaker, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Mendez, D. (10-25-16). Discussion on addictions and neuroplasticity from a counseling perspective. Practicum II REHS 4330.04, guest speaker, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Mendez, D. (10-24-16). Discussion on addictions and neuroplasticity from a counseling perspective. Practicum II REHS 4602.03, guest speaker, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Mendez, D. (6-27-12). "Assistive Technology for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing." Assistive Technology REHS 4360.01, guest speaker, The University of Texas-Pan American

Mendez, D. (6-22-11). "Interpreting as a Profession." Sign Language III REHS 3335, guest speaker, The University of Texas-Pan American

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Lecturer (Spring 2011) REHS 3315.01 - Hearing Disorders & Assistive Technology
- Lecturer (Spring 2011) REHS 4330.01 – Clinical Topics in Rehabilitation

- Lecturer (Summer I 2011) REHS 4360.02 – Assistive Technology in Rehabilitation
- Lecturer (Fall 2011) REHS 4315.01 – Psychosocial Aspects of Deafness
- Lecturer (Spring 2012) REHS 3315.01 – Hearing Disorders & Assistive Technology
- Lecturer (Spring 2012) REHS 2301.03 – Introduction to Rehabilitation
- Lecturer (Summer I 2012) REHS 4360.01 – Assistive Technology in Rehabilitation
- Lecturer (Summer II 2012) REHS 4335.01 – Sign Language IV
- Lecturer (Fall 2012) REHS 4315.01 – Psychosocial Aspects of Deafness
- Lecturer (Spring 2013) REHS 3315.01 - Hearing Disorders & Assistive Technology
- Lecturer (Spring 2013) REHS 3320.05 - Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Summer II 2013) REHS 4360.03 – Assistive Technology in Rehabilitation
- Lecturer (Fall 2013) REHS 3320.03 – Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Fall 2013) REHS 2321.03 – Introduction to Addictions
- Lecturer (Fall 2013) REHS 4315.01 – Psychosocial Aspects of Deafness
- Lecturer (Fall 2013) REHS 2301.04 – Introduction to Rehabilitation
- Lecturer (Fall 2013) REHS 2301.03 – Introduction to Rehabilitation
- Lecturer (Spring 2014) REHS 3320.01 – Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Spring 2014) REHS 2321.04 – Introduction to Addictions
- Lecturer (Spring 2014) REHS 3315.01 – Hearing Disorders & Assistive Technology
- Lecturer (Spring 2014) REHS 2301.03 – Introduction to Rehabilitation
- Lecturer (Spring 2014) REHS 2331.04 – Psychology of Disability
- Lecturer (Summer I 2014) REHS 2301.01 – Introduction to Rehabilitation
- Lecturer (Summer II 2014) REHS 3320.01 - Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Fall 2014) REHS 2301.02 – Introduction to Rehabilitation
- Lecturer (Fall 2014) REHS 4330.01 – Practicum I
- Lecturer (Fall 2014) REHS 4315.01 – Psychosocial Aspects of Deafness
- Lecturer (Fall 2014) REHS 2321.03 – Introduction to Addictions
- Lecturer (Spring 2015) REHS 3320.01 – Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Spring 2015) REHS 2321.04 – Introduction to Addictions
- Lecturer (Spring 2015) REHS 3315.01 – Hearing Disorders & Assistive Technology
- Lecturer (Spring 2015) REHS 4602.03 – Practicum II
- Lecturer (Spring 2015) REHS 2331.04 – Psychology of Disability
- Lecturer (Summer I 2015) REHS 2301.01 – Introduction to Rehabilitation
- Lecturer (Summer II 2015) REHS 3320.01 - Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Fall 2015) REHS 2301.02 – Introduction to Rehabilitation
- Lecturer (Fall 2015) REHS 4330.03 – Practicum I
- Lecturer (Fall 2015) REHS 4315.01 – Psychosocial Aspects of Deafness
- Lecturer (Fall 2015) REHS 2321.03 – Introduction to Addictions
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- Lecturer (Spring 2016) REHS 3320.01 – Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Spring 2016) REHS 2321.04 – Introduction to Addictions
- Lecturer (Spring 2016) REHS 3315.01 – Hearing Disorders & Assistive Technology
- Lecturer (Spring 2016) REHS 4602.01 – Practicum II
- Lecturer (Spring 2016) REHS 2331.04 – Psychology of Disability
- Lecturer (Summer I 2016) REHS 2301.01 – Introduction to Rehabilitation

- Lecturer (Summer II 2016) REHS 3320.01 - Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Fall 2016) REHS 2301.03 – Introduction to Rehabilitation
- Lecturer (Fall 2016) REHS 4330.03 – Practicum I
- Lecturer (Fall 2016) REHS 4315.01 – Psychosocial Aspects of Deafness
- Lecturer (Fall 2016) REHS 2321.03 – Introduction to Addictions
- Lecturer (Fall 2016) REHS 3320.02 – Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Spring 2017) REHS 3320.01 – Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Spring 2017) REHS 4345-91L – Culture & Addictions
- Lecturer (Spring 2017) REHS 3315.01 – Hearing Disorders & Assistive Technology
- Lecturer (Spring 2017) REHS 3320-91L – Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Spring 2017) REHS 2331.04 – Psychology of Disability
- Lecturer (Summer I 2017) REHS 2301.01 – Introduction to Rehabilitation
- Lecturer (Summer II 2017) REHS 3320-90L - Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Fall 2017) REHS 2301-93L – Introduction to Rehabilitation
- Lecturer (Fall 2017) REHS 4330.03 – Practicum I
- Lecturer (Fall 2017) REHS 4315.01 – Psychosocial Aspects of Deafness
- Lecturer (Fall 2017) REHS 2321-91L – Introduction to Addictions
- Lecturer (Fall 2017) REHS 2331-90L – Psychology of Disability
- Lecturer (Spring 2018) REHS 3320-92L – Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Spring 2018) REHS 3320-93L – Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Spring 2018) REHS 4345-90L – Culture & Addictions
- Lecturer (Spring 2018) REHS 4602.03 – Practicum II
- Lecturer (Spring 2018) REHS 3315.01 – Hearing Disorders & Assistive Technology
- Lecturer (Summer I 2018) REHS 2331-90L – Psychology of Disability
- Lecturer (Summer II 2018) REHS 2331-90L – Psychology of Disability
- Lecturer (Fall 2018) REHS 4330.03 – Practicum I
- Lecturer (Fall 2018) REHS 4315.01 – Psychosocial Aspects of Deafness
- Lecturer (Fall 2018) REHS 2321-91L – Introduction to Addictions
- Lecturer (Fall 2018) REHS 2331-90L – Psychology of Disability
- Lecturer (Spring 2019) REHS 3320-91L – Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Spring 2019) REHS 4345-90L – Culture & Addictions
- Lecturer (Spring 2019) REHS 3315.01 – Hearing Disorders & Assistive Technology
- Lecturer (Spring 2019) REHS 2331-90L – Psychology of Disability
- Lecturer (Summer I 2019) REHS 2331-90L – Psychology of Disability
- Lecturer (Summer II 2019) REHS 2331-90L – Psychology of Disability
- Lecturer (Fall 2019) REHS 4330.03 – Practicum I
- Lecturer (Fall 2019) REHS 4315.01 – Psychosocial Aspects of Deafness
- Lecturer (Fall 2019) REHS 2321-91L – Introduction to Addictions
- Lecturer (Fall 2019) REHS 2331-90L – Psychology of Disability
- Lecturer (Fall 2019) Independent Study REHS 4300-90L – Hearing Disorders & AT
- Lecturer (Spring 2020) REHS 3320-90L – Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Spring 2020) REHS 3320-91L – Family & Disabilities
- Lecturer (Spring 2020) REHS 3315.01 – Hearing Disorders & Assistive Technology
- Lecturer (Spring 2020) REHS 2331-95L – Psychology of Disability

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Full-time Lecturer I (3-year appt.) (Fall 2019 - present)  
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

- Teach undergraduate courses both in class lecture and online in the School of Rehabilitation Services & Counseling

Part-time Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor (March 2019 – present)  
Yeshua's Helping Hands Mental Health & Addictions Counseling, DBA, Edinburg, TX

- Provide supervision for LPC-interns earning internship hours toward their official LPC licensure. Supervision includes reviewing treatment plans, caseload advisement, and teaching therapeutic techniques.

Full-time Lecturer I (3-year appt.) (Fall 2018 - present)  
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

- Teach undergraduate courses both in class lecture and online in the School of Rehabilitation Services & Counseling

Full-time Lecturer (1-year appt.) (Fall 2016 – Summer II 2018)  
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

- Teach undergraduate courses both in class lecture and online in the School of Rehabilitation Services & Counseling

Part-time Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor (March 2018 – present)  
Yeshua's Helping Hands Mental Health & Addictions Counseling, DBA, Edinburg, TX

- Provide supervision for LPC-interns earning internship hours toward their official LPC licensure. Supervision includes reviewing treatment plans, caseload advisement, and teaching therapeutic techniques.

Part-time Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor (August 2017 – May 2019)  
Pura Vida Counseling Services, PLLC, Pharr, TX

- Provide individual/family counseling to individuals with a dual diagnosis of substance abuse/dependence disorder and mental health issues. Work closely with Department of Family and Protective Services (CPS) to provide mental health counseling services to individuals referred to program.

Full-time Lecturer (one-year appt.) (Fall 2015-Summer II 2016)  
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

- Taught undergraduate courses in the School of Rehabilitation Services & Counseling

Full-time Lecturer (one-year appt.) (September 2013-Summer II 2015)  
The University of Texas-Pan American

- Taught undergraduate courses in the Department of Rehabilitation

Part-time Lecturer (one-year appt.) (January 2011-September 2013)  
The University of Texas-Pan American

- Taught undergraduate courses in the Department of Rehabilitation

Part-time Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor (June 2012-present)  
Yeshua's Helping Hands, Edinburg, Texas

- Private Practice, DBA
- Counsel Deaf and hearing clients and their hearing family members in need of mental health counseling for personal issues (i.e. addictions/ depression/anger/marriage)
- Develop and implement Treatment Plans in accordance with Medicaid and Private Insurance companies following State/Federal laws
- Prepare weekly progress notes and related billing
- Maintain client files in accordance to State and Federal laws

Licensed Professional Counselor (May 2013-May 2014)  
Pura Vida Counseling Services, PLLC, Pharr, TX

- Provide individual/family counseling to individuals with a dual diagnosis of substance abuse/dependence disorder and mental health issues. Work closely with Department of Family and Protective Services (CPS) to provide mental health counseling services to individuals referred to program.

Interpreter for the Deaf (August 1997-August 2013)  
American Sign Language Company (ASL Co.), Edinburg, Texas

- Interpret for Deaf and Hard of Hearing clients in a variety of settings including: educational, civic, business, medical, and psychiatric

Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselor-Intern (May 2010-June 2012)  
Heckman Alcohol & Drug Counseling, McAllen, Texas

- Completed 3,000 hours of internship at David Heckman, LPC/LCDC, Alcohol & Drug Counseling
- Counseled Deaf and Hard of Hearing clients and their hearing family members needing mental health counseling
- Prepared weekly progress notes for clients in counseling
- Interpreted for David Heckman whenever he participated in counseling the Deaf
- Observed David Heckman maintaining client files and billing insurance companies



Interpreter for the Deaf (1994-1997)

Hill Country Interpreting Services for the Deaf (HCISD), Bandera, Texas

- Self-employed and contracted with other interpreting agencies as well as school districts and colleges
- Interpreted in mainstream classrooms for primary, secondary, and post-secondary Deaf students
- Interpreted for community assignments including: civic, business, and medical

Interpreter for the Deaf (1991-1994)

San Antonio Independent School District, San Antonio, Texas

- Interpreted full-time at Sam Houston High School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing as well as Deaf/Blind students
- Interpreted in mainstream classrooms for a variety of subjects at all levels
- Interpreted for school functions, business meetings, ARD meetings, and extracurricular activities

Substitute Teacher (1991-1992)

Southwest Neuropsychiatric Institute, San Antonio, Texas

- Substitute teacher for San Antonio Independent School District at the Southwest Neuropsychiatric Institute
- Taught middle school/high school curriculum-based educational courses for pre-adolescents and adolescent patients with emotional/behavioral problems
- Mental health worker/assisted psychiatric patients with ADLs
- Assisted in teaching social skills and life skills
- Assisted in therapy groups

Program Counselor (1989-1990)

Charter Springs Hospital, Ocala, Florida

- Program counselor for pre-adolescents/adolescents with emotional/behavioral problems
- Taught parent education classes
- Implemented and taught self-esteem and anger management therapy sessions

## **Service**

### **Regional & Local**

Mendez, D. (9/2018 – present). Board Member for Valley ICAN (Valley Independent Confident Activities Network) serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community in the Rio Grande Valley

Mendez, D. (9/2018 – 5/2019). Center for Online Learning & Teaching Technology. Developing an online course for the Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Addiction Studies Program through the Blueprinting Process.

Mendez, D. (3/22/2019). College of Health Professionals Planning for the Future Summit, Peer group discussions about the future of the college, EHABE 1.114 10-12 PM.

Mendez, D. (2/27/2019). College of Health Professionals Student Success-Special Spring Outreach to Non-Admitted Pre-Nursing Majors, Edinburg, TX library 9-11 AM.

Mendez, D. (9/2018 – 12/2018). Faculty Advisor for the Deaf Rehab Club at UTRGV

Mendez, D. (8/22/2018). Vaquero Round-Up in Brownsville representing and presenting information about the College of Health Affairs including The School of Rehabilitation Services and Counseling programs. At the event, 386 students from various majors were present.

Mendez, D. (8/24/2018). Vaquero Round-Up in Edinburg representing and presenting information about the College of Health Affairs including The School of Rehabilitation Services and Counseling programs.

Mendez, D. (Sept. 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2018) Involvement Fairs for recruiting Deaf Rehab Club members and officers

Mendez, D. (9/2015 – 9/2018). Faculty Advisor for the Deaf Rehab Club at UTRGV

Mendez, D. (9/2017 – 12/2018). Board Member for Valley ICAN (Valley Independent Confident Activities Network) serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community in the Rio Grande Valley through UTRGV/Workforce Solutions

Mendez, D. (4-2-2018). Autism Awareness Day UTRGV Brownsville Valley ICAN provided information on mental health and disabilities and promoted the School of Rehabilitation Services and Counseling Deaf Concentration program.

Mendez, D. (January 2018). Faculty Senate focus group member representing the College of Health Affairs for Sightlines consultant team regarding space utilization at UTRGV.

Mendez, D. (October 2016). Accessibility Awareness Month 2016 UTRGV Deaf Rehab Club participated in the Accessibility Awareness Information Fair sponsored by Student Accessibility Services

Mendez, D. (9/2014 – present). Board Member for Valley ICAN (Valley Independent Confident Activities Network) serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community in the Rio Grande Valley through DARS/CAAG

Mendez, D. (5-15-09 – 8-30-13). Deaf Addictions Anonymous (DAA). Led an addictions group for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, McAllen, Texas

## **AWARDS**

- Research paper, “Psychosocial Aspects of Deafness: Implications for Rehabilitation Counselors,” Fraser, D. (2009); paper chosen as one of three papers selected in a master’s degree national competition; presented as one of the top three and won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the annual American Counseling Association (ACA) Conference, ARCA division, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Research article, “Major Depressive Disorder among Individuals who are Deaf: Implications for Rehabilitation Professionals,” Hansmann, S., Saladin, S., & Fraser-Mendez, D. (2010), won 1<sup>st</sup> place of articles published over a two-year period in the JADARA Journal at the April 13-16, 2011 ADARA Biennial Conference, San Diego, CA
- Accessibility Achievement Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual UTRGV Accessibility Achievement Award Ceremony, October 23, 2017, Edinburg, TX